(b) The JCI alongwith Cooperatives purchased following quantities of raw jute from growers during 1985-86 and 1986-87 jute seasons:

*(Figures in Bales)*

| Year (July-June) | JCI | Coopera-tives | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1985-86 . . . . . | 68,087 | 37,001 | 1,05,088 |
| 1986-87 (up to 7-3-87) . . . . . | 40,833 | 23,167 | 64,000 |

(c) At present, JCI is operating through 9 purchase centres of its own and 29 purchase centres are being operated by Cooperatives. Expension of market coverage is decided every year depending on crop prospects in Orissa in consultation with the State Government.

**Touting Business at ISBT, Delhi**

†2219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the thriving touting business to fleece the passengers besides the activities of the gang of thieves at the Delhi's Inter-State Bus Terminus in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to identify the net work of the criminals and to liquidate the sang of thieves and luggage lifters to give relief to the passengers coming to the ISBT Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the period from 1st January, 1986 to 15th February, 1987, 12 cases of cheating etc. of passengers at ISBT, have been reported to the Delhi Police.

(b) Round-the-clock watch is maintained at the ISBT for suspicious looking persons, Announcements are made on the loudspeaker requesting the people to beware of cheats. Police patrolling has been intensified in the area.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1822, transferred from the 11th March, 1987.

**अभ्रक व्यापार निगम की गिरिडीह (बिहार) स्थित शाखा में आग की घटना**

2220. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय अभ्रक व्यापार निगम की गिरिडीह शाखा में कारखाना नं० 4 में दिसम्बर, 1986 में विद्युतीय आग लगी जिसके परिणामस्वरूप लाखों रुपए की क्षति हुई जबकि उस दिन पूरे शहर में बिजली नहीं थी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि फरवरी, 1987 के पहले सप्ताह में कीमती संसाधित अभ्रक के 5 बक्सों की चोरी हुई थी और जिसकी पुष्टि पहले नहीं की गई परन्तु जब फैक्टरी नं० 1 के श्रमिकों ने यह मामला उठाया तब पुलिस द्वारा बंगाल रुबी कम्पनी से 5 बक्से अभ्रक के जब्त किये गये ;